Mr. C. O. Madhavan: That is more for the bidder than for the Government to consider.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Government are aware that if the bidders bid for fabulous amounts they would not be able to realise the amounts they have deposited with the Government unless they coerce the people?

Mr. C O. Madhavan: Rates have been fixed, and if the contractors realise more, people can complain.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether Government exercise any sort of supervision in the case of collections made in markets?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No, Sir. Besides the general supervision there is no means of daily and constant supervision.

President: Are rates fixed?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: In view of the fact that there is complaint that contractors extract money from the people, may I know whether Government have thought it fit to exercise more supervision in the matter of collecting market tolls?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: The necessity has not arisen so far.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know from the Government whether in the numerous petitions that have been received by Government it is not said that market contractors are collecting more money?

President: Has any petition been received by Government?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: No, Sir. If the honourable member wants the number, I claim notice.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether last year a deputation waited upon the Dewan complaining that market contractors are collecting money over and above the prescribed rates?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I am not in possession of that information now. I claim notice.

Civil and small cause suits pending in the Munsiffs' Courts at Muvattupuzha, Perumbavur and Parur.

101. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of civil as well as small cause cases filed in each of the District Munsiffs' Courts at Muvattupuzha, Perumpavur and Parur for the years 1111 and 1112 and till the end of Edavam 1113;

(*b*) the total number of cases now pending on the file in the said courts, inclusive of arrears in the three courts, separately;

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(*c*) whether the revenue and criminal jurisdiction over the pakuthies of Aikkaranad and Chemmanad in Kunnatnad taluk are even now in Kunnatnad taluk whereas the civil jurisdiction alone is transferred to Muvattupuzha ; and

(*d*) is it a fact that the inhabitants of Aikkaranad and Kunnatnad pakuthies petitioned the Government for the transfer of their civil jurisdiction back to Perumpavur Munsiff's Court, and, if so, when such petition was received ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement containing the information required is laid on the table.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A representation, dated the 26th November 1937, was received by Government on the 1st December 1937, from the President of the Bar Association, Muvattupuzha, praying for a retransfer of the pakuthies of Aikaranad and Chemmanad from the jurisdiction of the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court to that of the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to answer to part (*d*) may I know whether a petition has been received for retransfer to the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court? The answer seems to be incorrect.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I apologise to the House. There is a mistake in the answer given. The correct answer is this. The President of the Bar Association, Muvattupuzha petitioned to the Government praying for the retention of the civil jurisdiction of the two pakuthies in Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court and not to transfer it to the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether any petition was received to transfer the jurisdiction of these pakuthies from the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court to the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : No such petition has been received.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know, whether any petition has been received from the people of Kunnatnad on this subject?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : I claim notice.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether Kunnatnad Taluk is not under the jurisdiction of the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : It does not arise out of this question.

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Appendix II

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 101.**

Statement showing the number of civil and small cause suits filed in the Munsiff's Courts at Muvattupuzha, Perumpavur and Parur and the number of suits pending in the said courts.

Munsiffs Courts.	Filed during.						Pending at the end of Edavam 1113.	
	1111		1112		1113 up to end of Edavam.			
	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.
Muvattupuzha ...	1464	829	1225	866	901	662	1338	321
Perumpavur ...	859	738	775	686	571	449	1011	193
Parur ...	1159	649	903	562	641	350	1002	91